NPL Site Narrative for Interstate Pollution Control, Inc.

INTERSTATE POLLUTION CONTROL, INC. Rockford, Illinois

Conditions at proposal (June 24, 1988): Interstate Pollution Control, Inc., formerly operated a hazardous waste storage facility on 1-2 acres in a heavily industrialized section of Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois. During 1974-82, the company, a division of Roto-Rooter Sewer Service, Inc., hauled and sometimes stored waste oils, solvents, and cyanide-containing plating wastes from 20-25 local industries. Currently, waste oils are reclaimed and sold.

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and EPA documents indicate a history of poor operating practices, including unlined surface impoundments, leaking storage tanks, and leaking drums.

In 1979, Interstate Pollution Control removed drums and contaminated soil from the facility and transported them to an EPA-regulated disposal facility.

In 1986, EPA detected 1,1-dichloroethylene, 1-1-dichloroethane, trans-1,2-dichloroethane, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, trichloroethylene, and tetrachloroethylene in off-site wells downgradient of the site. An estimated 155,000 people obtain drinking water from City of Rockford wells within 3 miles of the site.

Parts of the fence surrounding the site are broken, making it possible for people and animals to come into direct contact with hazardous substances.

Status (March 31, 1989): EPA is considering various alternatives for the site.

For more information about the hazardous substances identified in this narrative summary, including general information regarding the effects of exposure to these substances on human health, please see the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) ToxFAQs. ATSDR ToxFAQs can be found on the Internet at ATSDR - ToxFAQs (http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/index.asp) or by telephone at 1-888-42-ATSDR or 1-888-422-8737.